

## GET GUN THAT KILLED HALL AND MRS. MILLS

New Jersey Authorities Re-  
cover Rector's Watch  
Also, It Is Said.

## ARREST SEEMS NEARER

Boy and Girl Who Found  
Bodies Grilled With Two  
Other Youngsters.

## LAD'S HOME IS SEARCHED

Stories Told at Inquisition Do  
Not Appear to Dove-  
tail.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 8.—Ex-  
citing a complete about face, Prose-  
cutor Beckman of Somerville, with  
John Toolan, assistant prosecutor of  
Middlesex county, took up early to-day  
a line of examination that was dropped  
more than a week ago, and for the  
greater part of the day grilled the  
group of young people whose direct  
connection with the crime appeared to  
be confined to the finding of the slain  
bodies of Hall and Mrs. Mills.

This unexpected action made it at  
once apparent that despite the brave  
words of the prosecutors, the prodding  
and the activity of the State troopers,  
virtually no progress has been made  
in solving the mystery and bringing  
the murderer to justice. By this one  
move the authorities disclosed that the  
lines along which they have been pro-  
ceeding steadily for a week have  
yielded nothing of worth.

Young Raymond Schneider was sent  
for early in the day and questioned  
again, first as to the finding of the  
bodies on Saturday, September 16, and  
then as to his own movements on the  
Thursday before, the day of the crime.  
He was still in the court house at a  
late hour to-night.

Late to-night it was pretty well es-  
tablished that the authorities had at  
last come into possession of the pistol  
with which the murder was committed,  
and of the gold watch that the dead  
receptor carried. There was strong rea-  
son to believe, however, that these had  
been taken from the place at which the  
bodies lay after the murder and that  
they were not obtained from those di-  
rectly concerned in the crime.

## Three Boys Are Sent For.

Toolan and Beckman, assisted by the  
detectives, David and Totten, and oc-  
casionally by a State trooper, ques-  
tioned Schneider and then sent for Leon  
Kauffman, aged 15, who was the com-  
panion of Schneider for a part of the  
Thursday evening. Still later they  
brought in Clifford Hayes, the other  
youngster who was with Schneider.  
Young Kauffman was brought to the  
court house about 2 o'clock. Hayes soon  
after 5. Then about 6 a State trooper  
went over and got Pearl Bahmer, the  
fifteen-year-old girl companion of  
Schneider when he found the bodies.  
As to all of the witnesses, and par-  
ticularly Schneider, it may be said that  
they were subject to the rougher sort  
of treatment. They certainly fared no  
better than did Willie Stevens and that  
he was examined by about the same men  
in the tower of the court house at  
Somerville on Friday night last. Angry  
tones were heard, sometimes raised  
the little park in which the court house  
stands.

From time to time as the examination  
went on one or another of the detectives  
would emerge from the courtroom and  
act in a thoroughly mysterious manner.  
Sometimes it was Totten, but more often  
it was David.

## Crowd Awaits New Move.

There was an audience, of course. It  
consisted of newspaper men and about  
a score of townspeople, for somehow the  
report was spread that there was to be  
an arrest made in the few hours case.  
In fact, David went to the pains to tel-  
ephone to the editor of the local paper  
that such might be the case, and as a  
result the press room staff of the local  
sheet was summoned from its Sunday  
rest and kept on duty pending the pos-  
sible issuance of an extra edition.

Once Totten came out and whispered  
to young Schneider's father, who was  
waiting in an automobile. The elder  
Schneider drove away, almost as mys-  
teriously as Totten had conveyed his  
message. In five minutes he was back,  
but not in the same place. He had  
merely changed the parking space of his  
car so that the jail hid him, supposedly  
from the curious crowd.

A little later David came out and sent  
a messenger for the chauffeur of his  
Ford. When the Ford arrived David  
whispered to the driver, who scurried  
off around the block. Then David walked  
mysteriously away with never a word to  
any one. He turned down a dark alley.  
Five minutes later he was in a deli-  
cious store buying eggs, sandwiches  
and pickles for the hungry sleuths, and  
five minutes after that he was again  
barking savagely at Schneider.

While, in truth, the examination of  
the four young people developed nothing  
startlingly new as far as could be  
learned at a late hour, it is a fact that  
his trio of young men were handled as  
they should have been handled when  
they were first brought into the case,  
and their rather peculiar story as first  
told. All but Kauffman had a lot of  
explaining to do.

Boy's Father Protests.

At 7 o'clock this evening young Kauf-  
man's father called at the court house  
to protest against the holding of his son.  
He was much incensed. He was finally  
allowed to see his son, after waiting  
almost an hour.

## BLIND GIRL'S FIRE ESSAY BEST OF WHOLE 500,000

Child Will Get Gold Medal in Prevention Contest—  
Writes by Dots, Dashes—Make Fire Servant,  
Not Master, She Says.

When Thomas J. Brennan, Fire Com-  
missioner, announced that thirty gold  
medals and 224 silver medals would be  
awarded to school children for the best  
essays in connection with Fire Preven-  
tion Week, it did not appear to normal  
pupils of Public School No. 54 that little  
Jeanette Mason, 14, would have a  
chance.

Jeanette is a member of the class for  
blind pupils there. Although not totally  
blind, her sight, since she was 3 years  
old, has been so poor that she cannot  
see print. But Jeanette had confidence.  
Her widowed mother, Mrs. May Mason,  
said last night she had been informed  
by the judges the little blind girl's was  
the best of the thousands of essays. It  
follows:

"There are a great many fires in New  
York city by neglect of the people. The  
only way to decrease the number of  
fires is by greater care on the part of  
the citizens.

"There are many ways of preventing  
fires. Some of the most important can  
be observed by us in our own homes  
and public places. We can all refrain  
from dropping lighted cigars, cigarettes  
and matches and from collecting heaps  
of newspapers and rubbish.

"Housewives should be careful in  
lighting gas stoves, because many fires  
are caused in that way. Draperies should  
never be hung near a gas jet, as a slight  
breeze might blow them into the flame.

## Stories Do Not Agree.

There is a slight discrepancy as to  
what they saw. They agree they saw  
one motorcar. Schneider says they also  
saw two persons, but Hayes does not  
remember this. Both say they were  
"just talking," interfered with nobody,  
heard no shots or screams, and talked  
only about reading.

It is this late and aimless rambling  
that has aroused suspicion, especially  
as to Schneider, whose affair with young  
Pearl Bahmer he frankly admits. He  
was on the night of the crime, he says,  
with the two boys. He said he was  
with her in the neighborhood of  
Buccleugh Park until almost 9:30. Then  
he took her home, and she went to  
her home, which is near the busi-  
ness part of the town, and later met  
Kauffman and Hayes. He admits he  
has been "going with" her for three  
years.

On the following Saturday he and  
Pearl, he says, met by arrangement  
early in the morning and went to the  
Phillips farm "to gather mushrooms."

Then he told the Prosecutor again, as he  
had before, of the finding of the bodies,  
of his believing at first that the two  
persons were asleep and of his finally  
finding they were dead. He denied that  
the rector's watch or the weapon with  
which the crime was committed was  
anywhere about. He repeated the story  
of telephoning to the police. All all  
he stuck closely to his original story, as  
far as could be learned.

## Boy Finally Dismissed.

Owing to the remonstrances of his  
father young Kauffman was allowed to  
go home to his dinner soon after 8  
o'clock. He had added one little item  
to the sum of the story as it had been  
known previously. He said that when  
Hayes and Schneider were on their way  
home Hayes told Schneider that the  
Bahmer girl had been seen going toward  
Buccleugh Park with a man who was  
intoxicated. Schneider said Kauffman  
became violently angry on hearing this.

Late in the evening Toolan and Totten,  
while both refusing to say what their  
examination was developing, made it  
clear that they expected to work late.

They would not say an arrest was im-  
minent, but indicated that there might be  
late developments.

It came out late to-night that while  
the three were being questioned, the de-  
tectives went to the home of Clifford  
Hayes and searched the house, presuma-  
bly on the theory that a gun and possi-  
bly a watch might be found there.  
Schneider's home had already been  
searched.

## Vestryman Feared Vamping.

Ralph V. Gorsline, the vestryman who  
was examined yesterday and asked to  
explain his own movements on the night  
of the murder, admitted to-day that Mrs.  
Mills had attempted to "vamp" him.  
This, he said, was years ago, before the  
friendship between Mrs. Mills and Hall  
developed. Gorsline says he sang in the  
choir, and that Mrs. Mills used to nudge  
him and make him the first to sing.

He said, too, that he did not like Mrs.  
Mills' "approach," and while he took  
her riding in his automobile frequently  
he did everything to discourage her.

On Saturday Gorsline was asked point  
blank whether he was in the neighbor-  
hood of the Phillips farm on the night  
of the murder, and whether by chance  
he had seen Hall and Mrs. Mills. He  
replied in the negative. He was told of  
the rumor of a couple, both said to be  
married, at Sayre, each other, who were  
in the neighborhood and who heard  
shots and ran from the field of golden-  
rod for fear they might be held up.

As was stated yesterday, this story of  
alleged eye witnesses to the crime or any  
party of it is not authentic, and it is  
only one of the many vague and general  
rumors that have reached the ears of  
the prosecutors.

## SAYS BIBLE TEACHING IS AGAINST DIVORCE

Princeton Minister Declares  
Christ Made Ideal Clear.

The subject "Divorce" was treated  
yesterday in sermons at St. Mark's in  
the Bouverie by the Rev. William N.  
Guthrie, the rector, and the Rev. Stuart  
L. Tyson of Princeton. With reference  
to the contention of the Rev. Percy  
Stickney Gray that the Greek text of  
the gospel of St. Matthew pertaining to  
divorce is ambiguous, the Rev. Dr.  
Tyson said:

"So far we have spoken of fire as a  
bad master, but we all know what a  
good servant it is when used properly  
and with caution. How could we live  
without fire? It gives heat and light and  
does our cooking for us. It also runs  
machinery. In early days fire was more  
necessary than now. One of the most  
important uses was to keep wild animals  
from the hut.

"Are you going to make a master or  
a servant of fire?"  
Jeanette lives at 4280 Park avenue.  
The Bronx. She wrote the essay in the  
Braille system of dots and dashes, and  
it was translated for her by her teacher,  
Miss Bessie Bloomer.

Fire prevention week will close at  
noon at City Hall when Mayor Hylan  
will pin 254 medals on as many essay  
prize winners.

Of 500,000 essays written by both the  
public and the school children, the  
Board of Examiners of the Fire Pre-  
vention Bureau have selected the 254  
for honors to-day. The Fire Commis-  
sioner has arranged a program, which  
includes a parade by the Fire Depart-  
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Largest Assemblage of  
PIANOS under one roof  
Broadway at Ninth

No One Can Be  
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poor dancer if he is thinking  
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It is said that practice  
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[Signed]

John Wanamaker  
October 9, 1922.

## AU QUATRIEME



Three important  
Antique English  
Bureau Bookcases  
Recently Received

Illustrated, early Georgian  
bureau bookcase, circa 1750,  
of red lacquer, fine Chinoi-  
serie design in black and  
gold of the style popular in  
that period. Its fine propor-  
tions make it desirable for a  
room with a high ceiling.  
\$1,250.

Another, in red lacquer,  
is a Queen Anne piece with  
double-dome top. Charming  
designs in medallion form  
are made of painted scenes  
combined with old prints cut  
out and applied. \$1,250.

The third is also a Queen  
Anne piece, of walnut, with  
old original brasses and a  
rich dark patina. \$650.

Fourth Floor, Old Building

A Museum Silk  
"Voici des Fleurs"

—a rich metal brocade  
now on display in the Silk  
Rotunda, of which we are  
proud to possess enough  
for a beautiful gown.

Its design was executed in  
the drawing-studio of a famous  
Parisian silk house, in Lyons.  
It was woven in a little village  
on the banks of the Saone and  
sent to Paris to be shown in  
this year's Exposition des Arts  
Decoratifs.

There it was singled out by  
experts from among hundreds  
of silks for the